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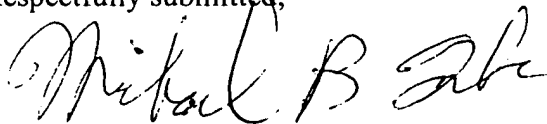
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British Patent Application GB 2313377A by Hirose et al. (Sumitomo Chemical Company Ltd.).

Respectfully submitted,

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